

Minutes

Catawba County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 2003, 8:00 a.m.

Budget hearings 30 05/27/03

Schools

Letter of Commitment for Renovations in Existing Building - Fred T. Foard
High School 31 05/27/03

The Catawba County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, May 27, 2003, 8:00 a.m., at the 1924 Courthouse, Robert E. Hibbitts Meeting Room, 30 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina. The purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for County departments and outside agencies.

Present were Chair Katherine W. Barnes, Vice-Chairman Dan A. Hunsucker, Commissioners Glenn E. Barbara, Barbara G. Beatty, and Lynn M. Lail.

Absent: None.

A quorum was present.

Also present were County Manager/Deputy Clerk J. Thomas Lundy, Assistant County Manager Mick W. Berry.

1. Chairman Barnes called the special meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. She welcomed everyone and said the purpose of the special meeting was for budget hearings for County departments and outside agencies.

2. Budget hearings:

a. The following persons gave budget reports and made comments or additional requests on County Manager J. Thomas Lundy's recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004:

Hospital & Schools

Catawba Memorial Hospital - Tony Rose, President
Catawba Valley Community College - Cuyler Dunbar, President
Catawba County Schools - Ann Hart, Superintendent
Newton-Conover Schools - Randy Isenhour, School Board Member
Hickory City Schools - Sarah Talbert, School Board Chair and Duane Kirkman, Superintendent

Outside Agencies

Economic Development Corporation - Scott Millar, EDC President
Council for the Arts - Susan Proctor, Executive Director
Catawba County Historical Association - Dr. Allen Huffman
Repay - Sally Poteat
Patrick Beaver Memorial Library - Corki Jones, Library Director

Other Agencies

Lake Norman Marine Commission
Convention and Visitors Bureau - Millie Barbee
Newton-Conover Auditorium Authority
Conflict Resolution Center - Tammy Wilcox
Western Piedmont Council of Governments

Non-Reinventing Departments

Emergency Services/Rescue Squads - Mick Berry, Assistant County Manager, David Killian and John Tolbert, Hickory Rescue Board Members

At 12:00 noon, the Board by consensus took a one-hour break for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board reconvened.

Sheriff - David Huffman

Utilities & Engineering - Barry Edwards, Utilities and Engineering Director

Tax Administration - Randy Moose, Tax Administrator

Soil & Water - Nancy Smyre, Office Support Specialist

Forestry - David Wright

Board of Elections - Larry Brewer, Director of Elections

Register of Deeds - Ruth Mackie

Mental Health - John Hardy, Mental Health Director

Finance - Rodney Miller, Finance Director

Planning & Zoning - Jacky Eubanks, Planning Director

Technology/Communications Center - Mick Berry

Public Health - Barry Blick, Public Health Director

Reinventing Departments

Social Services - Bobby K. Boyd, Social Services Director

Cooperative Extension - N. Fred Miller, Cooperative Extension Director

Library - Karen Foss, Library Director

Personnel - Debbie Bradley, Personnel Director

County Manager - J. Thomas Lundy

3. Other Items of Business:

a. Renovations in Existing Building - Fred T. Foard High School.

County Manager J. Thomas Lundy said Catawba County Schools was requesting a Letter of Commitment for renovations to the existing building at Fred T. Foard High School in the amount of \$378,700. In order for the contractors to do the renovations inside the existing building this summer a letter of commitment is needed from the County Commissioners for the requested funds in the Schools 2003-04 Proposed Capital Outlay Request. Mr. Lundy said renovations would include the following:

Alternate No. 3 - Shop Addition	\$ 82,526
This would be a 1,274 sq. ft.	
Addition to existing Masonry Shop	
Alternate No. 4 - Two-Science Rooms	36, 141
Renovations to convert two old	
Science Rooms for new ROTC program	
Alternate No. 5 - South Central Classrooms	64,154
Renovations to convert two old Art Rooms	
to three new Exceptional Children areas.	
This would put all Exceptional Children Areas	
in Central Complex	
Alternate No. 6 - North Central Classrooms	11,769
Upgrade two existing Science Classrooms	
and Labs	
Alternate No. 7 - Media Center	55,003
Convert existing Media Center into Classroom,	
Lounge/Work Room, Teacher Planning and Office	
for Resource Officer	
Alternate No. 8 - Band Area	61,999
Renovations and expansion of existing Band Area	
to include additional Storage space, Work Room,	
Small Computer Lab, Office and Music Library	
Alternate No. 9 - Family and Consumer Science Rooms.	38,207
Renovations and upgrade of two old Home Making	
Classrooms to Family and Consumer Science	
Classrooms	

May 27, 2003, MB#49

Alternate No. 15 - C & A Carpet	9,300
Use Collins and Aikman Carpet throughout new addition and renovated areas in lieu of a cheaper carpet. They have used C & A carpet for over 30 years. This alternate was put in to keep C & A competitive	
Design Fees and Furnishings	19,601
For Alts. 3 through 9 and 15	
TOTAL	<u>\$378,700</u>

Commissioner Barger made a motion to authorize a Letter of Commitment for Renovations in Existing Building - Fred T. Foard High School. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the board, at 4:15 p.m. Commissioner Hunsucker made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Katherine W. Barnes, Chair
Catawba County Board of Commissioners

J. Thomas Lundy
County Manager/Deputy Clerk